

Draft Meeting Summary
RI Economic Monitoring Collaborative
December 15, 2006
11:30 to 1:30 pm
RI Economic Policy Council

Attendees: Austin Becker, Kip Bergstrom, John Gates, Kevin Hively, Ken Kubic, Ariana McBride, E. Howard McVay, Jr., Richard Nadolink, Tom Rich and Kevin Park.

1. Review/approve meeting summaries

Mr. McVay moved to approve the December 1, 2006 meeting summary; Mr. Becker seconded. All members voted to approve the summary.

2. Continuation of working session w/ K. Hively

Mr. Hively reviewed the scorecard approach for monitoring that he presented at the meeting on December 1, 2006 and took questions on the potential metrics handout that he provided for Collaborative members. Questions on the handout included:

- Clarification of registered events – all events that take place on the Bay are required to register with the Coast Guard.
- Vessel calls – presented as cargo only but could also include cruise permits.
- Coastal land use/zoning – would be a breakdown of land use and/or zoning but would not look at number of units.
- Boat sales source – is National Marine Manufacturing, which collects it from boat manufacturers.

Collaborative members added several more potential metrics to the list: costal residential units, water sheet zoning, pump-out boat count, recreational fishing, public access points, charter/cruising/party boats, boating accessories, boater expenditures, boating incidents, and lost fish.

Mr. Hively then asked Collaborative members to prioritize 10 measures from the list of 58 measures and to place them into the four quadrant scorecard. Members discussed the results of this exercise, which included a conversation about the difficulty of capturing coastal land use patterns. Mr. Hively also noted the potential to draw conclusions about the health of the industries further down the value chain based on the data collected for the primary industries. Mr. McVay questioned whether we also need to track energy costs, which have a significant impact on recreational activity. Mr. Hively agreed this is an important measure but also noted the difference between measures that can be affected by policy and those which are larger condition measures.

Mr. Bergstrom requested that Mr. Hively put forth a recommendation on which measures to include based on feedback from this meeting. Mr. Hively agreed to so and asked that at the next meeting we set time aside to focus specifically on the measures pertaining to potential conflicts on the waterfront and/or in the water. Following the next Collaborative meeting on January 10, 2007 (3-5pm), Mr. Hively will present his findings to date to the Coordination Team for their comment.

3. Other Business

No other business.